

Programme

Perspectives on Arts & Health

Museum Dr. Guislain - Jozef Guislainstraat 43B, 9000 Gent, Belgium

Thursday, September 28 at 10:15 AM - 6:00 PM

10:16-10:30 | Welcome!

Bart Marius, artistic director Museum Dr. Guislain, Belgium

10:30 -11:30 | Keynote: What is Medical Humanities?

This talk will highlight key issues and interventions in the critical medical humanities, offering an overview on current and future directions in the field.

Dr. Arya Thampuran, assistant professor, Institute for Medical Humanities, University of Durham, UK

11:30 -11.45 | Break

11:45 -12:45 | Roundtable 1: Research for a wider audience: a podcast about autism research and lived experiences.

We will reflect on the possibilities of podcasting as a medium and what it teaches us about the general opportunities and challenges of public engagement with research.

Dr. Dieter Declercq, senior lecturer in film and media, University of Kent, UK

Elena Dikomitis, podcaster and humanitarian aid worker, Belgium

Silke Vanhoof, neurodivergent researcher and dramaturg, WeThePeople, Belgium

12:45-13:30 | Lunch and 'Open Market' with representatives of arts and heritage organisations

13:30-15:00 | Short presentations

Questioning Health Narratives

Prof. Simona De Iulio and **Prof. Laurence Favier**, information and communication sciences, University of Lille, France

Eating together – a therapeutic art?

Dr. Bernardine Farrell, researcher, University of Kent & FoodSEqual project, Universities of Reading/Plymouth, UK

Body Diversity on Display: Experiences and Reflections from a Museum in the Making

Dr. Tinne Claes and **Annelies Vogels**, Vesalius, KU Leuven & UZ Leuven

15:00 - 15:30 | Break and Open Market

15:30 -16:30 | Roundtable 2: Art and/as Therapy

We will discuss what could be meant by the word 'therapy' - its goals and effects; artistic objects and practices; and its 'value' amongst different forms of arts therapy.

Prof. Jürgen Pieters, literary theory, University of Ghent, Belgium

Sharmila Madhvani, psychologist and author, Belgium

Simon Allemeersch, researcher, faculty of psychology and educational sciences, University of Ghent, Belgium & theatre maker/author, Belgium

Sabrina Vanpoucke, art therapist and lecturer music therapy, Arteveldehogeschool, Belgium

16:30-17:00 | Closing plenary

Prof. Tessa Kerre, Head of Clinic, Ghent University Hospital

Prof. Piet Bracke, health sociologist at University of Ghent

Dr. Fleur Helewaut, general practitioner, Belgium

17:00-18:00 | Reception